

OPINION 1269
METRIDIIDAE CARLGREN, 1893 (ANTHOZOA) AND
METRIDIIDAE SARS, 1902 (COPEPODA):
A RULING TO ELIMINATE THE HOMONYMY

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers, the stem of the generic name *Metridia* Boeck, 1865 (Copepoda) for the purposes of Article 29 is hereby ruled to be METRIDIN-.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Metridium* Blainville, 1824 (Anthozoa) (gender: neuter), type species, by monotypy, *Actinia dianthus* Ellis, 1768 (Name Number 2206);

(b) *Metridia* Boeck, 1865 (Copepoda) (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Sars, 1902, *Metridia armata* Boeck, 1865 (Name Number 2207).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *senilis* Linnaeus, 1761, as published in the binomen *Priapus senilis* (specific name of the senior subjective synonym of *Actinia dianthus* Ellis, the type species of *Metridium* Blainville, 1824) (Name Number 2881);

(b) *longus* Lubbock, 1854, as published in the binomen *Calanus longus* (specific name of the senior subjective synonym of *Metridia armata* Boeck, 1865, the type species of *Metridia* Boeck, 1865) (Name Number 2882).

(4) The following family-group names are hereby placed on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) METRIDIIDAE Carlgren, 1893 (type genus *Metridium* Blainville, 1824) (Anthozoa) (Name Number 557);

(b) METRIDINIDAE Sars, 1902 (type genus *Metridia* Boeck, 1865) (Copepoda) (Name Number 558).

(5) The family-group name METRIDIIDAE Sars, 1902 (type genus *Metridia* Boeck, 1865) (Copepoda) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology with the Name Number 497.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2263

An application for the use of the plenary powers to eliminate the homonymy involving METRIDIIDAE Carlgren, 1893 (Anthozoa) and METRIDIIDAE Sars, 1902 (Copepoda), was first received from Dr Daphne Fautin Dunn (*Department of Invertebrate Zoology, California*

Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California 94118, U.S.A.) and Dr Kuni Hulsemann (*Biologische Anstalt Helgoland, Palmaille 9, 2 Hamburg 50 BRD*) on 24 April 1978. It was sent to the printer on 16 February 1979 and published on 1 July 1979 in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 36, pp. 53–56. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials and three specialist serials. Additional information, which was verified by the Secretary, was published in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 38, pp. 156–157.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 July 1983 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1983)6 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 36, p. 55. At the close of the voting period on 6 October 1983 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — eighteen (18) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Schuster, Willink, Mroczkowski, Hahn, Savage, Starobogatov, Trjapztzin, Uéno, Bayer, Sabrosky, Binder, Dupuis (in part), Corliss, Ride, Brinck, Halvorsen

Negative Votes — none (0). Dupuis voted partly against the proposals; on placing *Metridia* Boeck, 1865 (Copepoda) (gender: feminine), type species by subsequent designation by Sars, 1902, *Metridia armata* Boeck, 1865, on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology; and against placing the family-group name METRIDIIDAE Sars, 1902 (type genus *Metridia* Boeck, 1865) (Copepoda) on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology.

Welch was on leave of absence. Alvarado, Cocks, and Heppell returned late affirmative votes. No voting papers were returned by Bernardi, Kraus, Lehtinen and Cogger.

Dupuis commented: 'Je vote pour le résultat souhaité, c'est à dire l'emploi des noms METRIDIIDAE Gosse 1858 (Anthozoa) et METRIDINIDAE Sars 1902 em. CINZ (Copepoda), mais je vote contre la procédure 2(b) et 4(b), c'est à dire l'étymologie de METRIDINIDAE fondée sur *Metridia* Boeck. J'estime, en effet, que l'usage des pleins pouvoirs permet de valider l'émendation de Norman, 1878 et de déclarer qu' il existe valablement un genre *Metridina* Boeck, 1865 em. Norman, 1878, *Metridia* allant à l'index des incorrect original spellings. Si Sars avait, dès 1902, adopté l'émendation de Norman, l'homonymie des deux noms de familles ne se serait pas produite. Ceci prouve que les anciens auteurs, qui considéraient comme homonymes les noms de même étymologie, faisaient du bon travail.

En tout état de cause, valider une émendation me paraît plus logique que de fabriquer une fausse étymologie en laissant subsister une synonymie inutile *Metridia-Metridina*.'

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

Metridium Blainville, 1824, *Dictionnaire des Sciences Naturelles*, vol. 30 (Mell-Mez), F. G. Levrault, ed. Paris, p. 470

Metridia Boeck, 1865, *Forh. Videnskabs-Selsk. Christiania for 1864*, p. 237

senilis, *Priapus*, Linnaeus, 1761, *Fauna svecica*, 2nd ed. *Laur. Salvii, Holmiae*, [xlvi], p. 510

longus, *Calanus*, Lubbock, 1854, *Ann. Mag. nat. Hist. ser. 2*, vol. 14, p. 127

METRIDIIDAE Carlgren, 1893, *K. svenska Vetenskapsakad. Handl.*, vol. 25(10), p. 101

METRIDINIDAE Sars, 1902, *An account of the Crustacea of Norway*, vol. 4, parts IX and X, p. 110.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting paper (1983)6 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that voting paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1269.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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